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One Hundred Years of Growth

The Episcopal Address read by Bishop Cranston to the General Conference at Minneapolis last week was a remarkably thorough consideration of the polity and work of the Church. These opening sentences of the address summarized a century of progress.

To the members of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in session at Minneapolis, Minn., May, 1912—Greeting:

One hundred years ago to-day the first delegated General Conference of Methodism in America was in session, probably at old John Street Church in New York City. On a basis of one delegate to every five preachers, there were ninety delegates, all preachers. Bishop McKendree presented the first written address to such a body of Methodists, and Bishop Asbury followed in extemporaneous remark. Both addresses dealt with the condition and legislative needs of the Church. We adopt that precedent as our guide in the present address. Bishop McKendree reported the membership as being 190,000, besides 700 itinerant preachers and 2,000 local preachers. The Church was then twenty-eight years old as an organization. To-day this General Conference, of one branch of Methodism, on a basis of one delegate to every forty-five preachers, has 410 preachers and as many laymen. There are over 7,000,000 American Methodists—our own body comprising half of them—while the entire ministry, traveling and local, numbers about 90,000. Then Methodism was confined to Great Britain and a few of the American States. Now it spreads over the whole earth with its Conferences, missions, schools and benevolent agencies.

The Orange Street Matter.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR—Having in your last issue published a letter signed by Mr. Soller, which contained matters personal to me, some of it rather astonishing, to say the least, I desire to say a few words myself in this week's issue. It is not my intention to enter into a controversy with the writer, however, as I realize that he wrote under a great stress of mind that seemingly disturbed his imagination. He and I have been friends for twenty-one years and he has now, as he ever has had, my sincere respect and this little flurry shall not be allowed to disturb it. There has been a good crop of foolish reports going the rounds in regard to this matter, of which I shall not speak further than to say that the truth always finally prevails and will do so again. I can afford to wait that time. Regarding the burning issue, which is the question of the removal of the property known as the Winter's building, from the centre here at Watessing, permit me to say a word. As I chanced to be at home, sick, when the preliminary report was made to the council by the Board of Assessors, in detail in last Saturday's CITIZEN, though I had learned of some of the amounts of assessments laid in specific cases. I found on examination of the list that the area of the assessment had been cut down to about half from what it was originally intended. When the assessment was laid for the Lackawanna place improvement, it was carried almost to the end of the Green, took in the cross streets and Franklin street, Washington street, Bloomfield avenue, Linden avenue and all the streets around that vicinity, or in other words, it was made to cover the territory in which the people lived who generally used the Bloomfield station. So that when it came to the time to talk about assessment to be laid for Watessing improvements it was felt that the territory in which the people dwelt who used Watessing station should, in the same manner, be covered in this assessment, which would extend the whole length of Watessing avenue to Franklin street, along Franklin street to Orange street and covering all of Orange street and Bloomfield avenue from Orange street to the Erie Railroad crossing, in addition to the streets already covered. But there was a fear that the people over in Berkeley avenue and Willard avenue and these places distant might object, but why should they not help pay for a station improvement as well as the people way off at the upper end of the Green? It is apparently this fear that influenced the assessors to cut down the area and it has resulted in more than doubling the amount of the assessment within the area where it is proposed to lay it. This fact, in conjunction with the fact that a heavy assessment has only recently been laid on a large number of property owners for the Orange street storm sewer has made the burden in many cases grievous, and it is not to be wondered at that there is a very strong resistance to the proposed levy. There is another matter, a little remote, perhaps, from the main question, but which nevertheless intensifies this feeling in one street, as follows: Some time ago, when the town was bonded for roads, Charles street was included in the list mentioned for paving. The cost of same was included in the general town levy, but for some strange reason Charles street was quietly left out and another street substituted and Charles street is a veritable quagmire to-day, although officially paved and paid for. Now when the property owners ask to have it paved they are met with the cool suggestion that when it is done they must pay for it in full, despite the above-named facts.

As far as I can learn there is but one opinion, about the desirability of removing this building, but the objection is to the assessment and the feeling is that after the property abutting on the proposed Centre has been assessed, a fair amount for benefits resulting from the change, the balance should be borne by the town. There is, in my opinion, no doubt but the Town Council want this change if they could feel proper warrant for making it. Nor is there, in my opinion, any blame to be attached to the Board of Assessors who have tried their best to wisely handle a difficult problem. But, in my humble judgment, I feel

now, as I have always felt, that the whole of the improvement at Bloomfield station, including both Lackawanna place and Mechanic street and the removal of this building at Watessing Centre, should have been laid upon the town, with the exception of those properties immediately fronting on proposed improvements. I further think that, as the Orange street storm sewer was made immediately necessary before the work of depressing tracks was commenced, which fact is established by the reason that the work of depressing actually had to wait until this sewer, or at least the first section of it from the railroad along Watessing avenue and Charles street to Cross street was completed. For this reason I say it should have been classed as a public improvement and placed on the town. And, if possible in law it should still be done. Some may say this would not be fair but why not? Now, here we are with improvements about the two stations being made, or proposed to be made, why cannot the balance of work, both at Mechanic street, Watessing Centre be laid on the town and let the assessments already laid for Lackawanna place and Orange street sewer offset each other.

To conclude, may I ask this pertinent question: If the council has the power to arrange to purchase for the upper part of the town, land for a park and land and houses along Bloomfield avenue for park and playground purposes, has it not also the power to acquire the Winter's site in the same way and for the same purpose, and if Watessing district has not opposed either of these improvements for other parks of the town, why in the name of all that is right and just should any other part of the town object to the same thing being done here? The increase in rates will very soon make it all up again in the form of taxes. This would settle a vexed question, secure to the neighborhood a good Centre and convince the residents around here that they have gotten fair play and the town as a whole made more beautiful and attractive to visitors and prospective residents.

Yours very truly,

ALFRED H. EDGERLEY.

Canal Abandonment.

The next meeting of the commission to investigate the Morris canal abandonment plan will be held in Trenton, probably next Tuesday afternoon, if the State Board of Assessors and other departments of the State having detailed information concerning the canal will be able at that time to furnish the information desired by the commission.

Some of the subsequent meetings will be held in Newark, there will be hearings at the chief places through which the canal runs, and there will be an inspection of the waterway, either by automobile or by motor boat. A suggestion by former Mayor Henry M. Doremus, at the meeting Tuesday afternoon, that the commission meetings be held in the headquarters of the Republican State Committee in Newark was not favorably received.

Chairman Carlton Godfrey of Atlantic City urged the members of the commission to make a careful study of the bill reported by the commission of last year and the amendments later incorporated in the measure at the request of various localities. He insisted that this was most important, so that the members might have the benefit of the work done by the legislative committee at the recent session.

Upon motion of John I. Blair Reiley, the secretary of the State Board of Assessors will be asked to have prepared a detailed map showing all the property of the canal company. The secretary of the commission was directed to collect and furnish to the members all other data obtainable.

In response to an inquiry from Charles H. Ingersoll of South Orange, both Chairman Godfrey and John W. Westcott of Camden expressed the belief that the commission is not empowered to subpoena witnesses, inasmuch as the nature of the inquiry did not seem to require the testimony of others than those who might be retained as experts or who would appear as voluntary witnesses. The omission was not regarded as important. Chairman Godfrey expressed the hope

that the commission might be able to conclude its investigations and complete its report before November 1, so that it could recommend to the governor the calling of a special session of the Legislature soon after election. It was Mr. Godfrey's belief that this would take the canal problem out of politics and prevent its being affected by log-rolling and trading of votes. If a special session is called, he said, no business other than the canal bill should be considered by the lawmakers.

Sewerage Commissioners' Reply.

A letter from John S. Gibson, secretary of the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission, was read at the Town Council meeting on Monday night. In it Mr. Gibson said that the resolution of the Town Council with reference to permission to join the Passaic valley trunk sewer contract was presented to the commissioners at a meeting held on April 23 and referred to the counsel of the commission for reply.

The reply of the commissioners' counsel, Adrian Riker, accompanied Mr. Gibson's letter, and was as follows:

"The situation, briefly stated, is as follows: A contract has already been executed, under the provisions of chapter 10 of the laws of 1907, between fifteen of the municipalities within the Passaic valley, sewerage district and the commissioners and is now operative. "Section 8 of the act provides that 'any time after the making of a contract in accordance with the provisions hereof, the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners may, with the consent of the municipalities which have contracted with them, enter into further contract or contracts with any other municipality for the use of said intersecting sewer or sewers and appurtenances and for the participation in the benefits, and in the cost of contracts, operation and maintenance of the same, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon in any such contract or contracts.'

"It is not within the power of the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners to admit any municipality to participation in the use of the sewer except in accordance with this section of the act.

"In order that the commissioners may be put in a position where they can submit the terms of such a proposed contract to the municipalities which have already contracted with them, it will be apparent that a more definite statement of the terms of such contract should be before the commissioners particularly as to the capacity of the sewer desired, and the point at which the town of Bloomfield proposes to deliver its sewage into the joint sewer.

"It also seems to me that the provisions with reference to concessions being granted to other municipalities cannot properly, under the act, be made a part of such supplemental contract, even if the municipalities which have already contracted should be willing to contract on such terms.

"I will be very glad to discuss the legal features of the situation with the counsel of the town if he should desire to do so, and this I think might be followed properly by a conference between the Town Council or some committee appointed for the purpose and the commissioners.

"I may say in conclusion that I believe it to be the desire of the commissioners to assist the town of Bloomfield in any way possible to secure participation in the joint sewer."

In accordance with Mr. Riker's suggestion, Mr. Sadler, chairman of the sewer committee, moved that steps be taken to confer with the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners, and that the mayor be one of the conferees. The mayor named the town attorney and the members of the sewer committee to also attend the conference, and it was left with Town Attorney Kocher to arrange for the meeting.

Chairman Sadler took exceptions to the attitude of Mr. Riker on certain points pertaining to the making of a contract "with the town and did not think the opinion was in line with what the town officials had been led to expect in the matter of co-operation on the part of the sewerage commissioners.

East Maolis Avenue Again.

William Edwards, whose residence is designated as 14 East Maolis avenue, appeared before the Town Council Monday night, and complained that David W. Miller had shut him off from that street by building a board fence in front of his house. Mr. Edwards said that his presence at the council meeting was to find out if Mr. Miller had a legal right to shut him off from a street that had been in public use so many years.

Mayor Hauser informed Mr. Edwards that he was in the same position as William Moenicke of 20 East Maolis avenue, who had been before the council with a similar complaint, and the council, after a thorough investigation of the case, found that Mr. Miller had legal title to the land traversed by the so-called East Maolis avenue, and the council was without power in the matter. The mayor suggested that Mr. Edwards and other property owners, if they felt so disposed, could unite in an action to have East Maolis avenue right of way condemned through Mr. Miller's property, and that was about the only available remedy for their difficulty.

Wants to be Dog Warden.

Henry Forbell of 72 Orange street, Newark, made application to the Town Council Monday night for appointment as dog warden. He offered to catch all unlicensed dogs in the town and deliver them to the pound for the sum of one dollar each and to make a house-to-house canvass if instructed to do so. The application was placed on file.

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Loans on Collateral,	17,725.00
Notes and Bills Purchased,	344,632.45
Overdrafts,	52.15
Cash on hand and in banks,	161,872.29
Banking-house, Furniture and Fixtures,	66,469.75
Safe Deposit Department,	11,300.00
Interest accrued receivable,	23,320.75
	\$1,948,764.40

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock (paid in),	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits, earned,	150,101.24
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Glen Ridge Tennis Club.

The Glen Ridge Tennis Club is busy planning an active season. Work has been started on the club's new courts at Willowdale and Woodland avenues. Eight new courts will soon be in service.

At a meeting of the Tri-County Tennis League, held last night, the Maplewood Tennis Club was admitted and the following schedule adopted:

June 1—Glen Ridge at Chatham, Maplewood at Wyoming.
June 15—Glen Ridge at Wyoming, Chatham at Maplewood.
June 29—Glen Ridge at Maplewood, Wyoming at Chatham.
July 13—Chatham at Glen Ridge, Wyoming at Maplewood.
July 27—Wyoming at Glen Ridge, Maplewood at Chatham.
September 7—Maplewood at Glen Ridge, Chatham at Wyoming.

To Fight Mosquitoes.

An organized movement was begun in Glen Ridge Tuesday night by the Board of Health to get rid of the possible breeding places for mosquitoes.

To this end the board will have the co-operation of a committee from the Civic Association and by joint action an inspector will be named temporarily. A revision of the health code is now in progress to enable the borough to have supervision over its milk supply and the licensing of all dealers, also to look after the water supply by having frequent analyses made.

A map is being prepared showing each house in the borough, and when a contagious disease appears the inspector or other health officer will designate the location upon the map for the benefit of residents.

Demands Refunding of Fine.

Davis & Hastings, lawyers of Jersey City and attorneys for Schwarz Bros., sent a letter to the Town Council which was read Monday night, and which was as follows:

"We have been consulted by our clients, Schwarz Bros. Co., of Kearny, in reference to the illegal collection of a fine imposed upon one of their drivers some time ago, while collecting dead animals in your city. The fine amounted to \$25. Unless this amount is repaid to us promptly, we will commence suit to recover this amount, together with the damages we have sustained."

The clerk was directed to transmit the letter to the Board of Health.

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